

Activity:	Heritage Partnership Programs
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Activity Summary

Program Components	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Estimate	FY 2006			Change From 2005 (+/-)
			Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Commissions and Grants	14,153	14,459	+24	-9,579	4,904	-9,555
Administrative Support	122	120	+2	0	122	+2
Total Requirements	14,275	14,579	+26	-9,579	5,026	-9,553
<i>Total FTE Requirements</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>

Authorization

Public Law 104-333	America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership
Public Law 104-333	Augusta Canal National Heritage Area
Public Law 108-108	Blue Ridge National Heritage Area
Public Law 104-323	Cache La Poudre River Corridor
16 USC 410ccc21 to 26	Cane River National Heritage Area
Public Law 100-692	Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal Commission
Public Law 106-554	Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 104-333	Essex National Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area
Public Law 98-398	Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 99-647	John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 106-278	Lackawanna Heritage Valley National Heritage Area
Public Law 108-447	Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area
Public Law 105-355	MotorCities-Automobile National Heritage Area Partnership
Public Law 108-447	National Aviation Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	National Coal Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 108-447	Oil Region National Heritage Area
Public Law 103-449	Quinebaug-Shetucket National Heritage Commission
Public Law 104-333	Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area
Public Law 106-278	Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District Commission
Public Law 104-333	South Carolina National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 100-698	Southwestern Pennsylvania National Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area
Public Law 106-291	Wheeling National Heritage Area
Public Law 106-319	Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area

Mission Overview

The Heritage Partnership Program supports the National Park Service mission by contributing to two fundamental goals for the National Park Service: 1) Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partnership programs; and 2) through partnerships with other federal, state, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations, a nationwide system of parks, open space, rivers, and trails provides educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people. These NPS goals support the DOI goals to provide recreation opportunities for America and safeguard lives, property and assets, advance scientific knowledge, and improve the quality of life for communities we serve.

Activity Overview

Heritage Partnership Programs (National Heritage Areas) have been created by Congress to promote the conservation of natural, historic, scenic, and cultural resources. The areas are managed by private

nonprofit groups or by States and not by the National Park Service. Control of the areas rests with local governments. Participating areas realize significant benefits from this partnership strategy. These include resource conservation, community attention to quality of life issues, and help to develop sustainable economies. This activity includes two program components:

Commissions and Grants. This component shows funding support provided to the management entity of each National Heritage Area. Heritage areas provide a powerful tool for the preservation of community heritage, combining historic preservation, cultural and ecotourism, local and regional preservation planning and heritage education and tourism. This funding also includes reimbursement for technical assistance and training provided by the NPS as partners to encourage resource conservation and interpretation. There are currently 27 National Heritage Areas.

Administrative Support. This component provides Servicewide heritage areas coordination, guidance, assistance and support to the areas, the agency, partners, and the public.

Activity: Heritage Partnership Programs
Program Component: Commissions and Grants

Summary Table of Funding by Heritage Area

National Heritage Areas	State(s)	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Estimate	FY 2006 Request
1. America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership (Silos and Smokestacks)	Iowa	741	740	
2. Augusta Canal National Heritage Area	Georgia	396	394	
3. Blue Ridge National Heritage Area	North Carolina	494	888	
4. Cache La Poudre River Corridor	Colorado	45	44	
5. Cane River National Heritage Area	Louisiana	790	888	
6. Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor	Pennsylvania	790	789	
7. Erie Canalway National Corridor	New York	592	690	
8. Essex National Heritage Area	Massachusetts	987	888	
9. Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area	New York	543	493	
10. Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor (*Authority ended in FY 2004—see description)	Illinois	592	0*	0*
11. John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor	Massachusetts / Rhode Island	785	833	
12. Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area	Pennsylvania	543	542	
13. Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area	Mississippi	0	0	
14. MotorCities-Automobile National Heritage Area	Michigan	592	493	
15. National Aviation Heritage Area	Ohio	0	0	
16. National Coal Heritage Area	West Virginia	122	121	
17. Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor	Ohio	987	888	
18. Oil Region National Heritage Area	Pennsylvania	0	0	
19. Quinnebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor	Connecticut/ Massachusetts	790	838	
20. Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area	Pennsylvania	988	888	
21. Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area	Pennsylvania	491	493	
22. Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District	Virginia	494	493	
23. South Carolina National Heritage Corridor	South Carolina	988	888	
24. Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Area (*See description)	Pennsylvania	0*	0	0
25. Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area	Tennessee	207	394	

National Heritage Areas		State(s)	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Estimate	FY 2006 Request
26.	Wheeling National Heritage Area	West Virginia	988	888	
27.	Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area	Arizona	208	394	
	Merit Grants for newly authorized areas	various		492	
Total			14,153	14,459	4,904**

***Funding would be distributed equitably among the 25 heritage areas supported under this activity*

FY 2006 Base Program Overview

By partnering with State governments or private non-profit organizations, the National Park Service facilitates the management of National Heritage Areas. Congress has designated 27 National Heritage Areas to conserve and commemorate distinctive regional landscapes. These areas include canal corridors in Georgia, Illinois, and Pennsylvania; river corridors that provided access and power to early settlers; and landscapes that tell the story of big steel, coal, and agriculture. National Heritage Areas do not have an overall program authorization. In most cases, a 1:1 match is required in area legislation. The areas are managed by private nonprofit groups, Federal Commissions, or by States—not by the National Park Service. Land use control of the areas continues to rest with local governments. Participating areas realize significant benefits from this partnership strategy, including resource conservation and community attention to quality of life issues supported by developing sustainable economies. Upon designation as a National Heritage Area, a management entity guides the development of a management plan that provides a blueprint for the area's future activities. The plan includes a resource inventory and identifies interpretive themes, restoration projects, recreational opportunities and funding strategies. Once the Secretary of the Interior has approved the management plan, it is implemented as funding and resources are available. The national heritage areas address the NPS Strategic Goals by:

- Instilling Management Excellence: engaging partners in conservation as well as fostering and evaluating the economic benefits of cultural and heritage preservation in local communities (ME5), and
- Resource Protection: Improving the health of watersheds and landscapes as well as improving access to recreation (RP1) and ensuring the protection of cultural and national heritage resources (RP3) through partnerships, grants, and education.

The 27 National Heritage Areas are described below, followed by projects that could utilize NPS Heritage Partnerships Funding in 2006:

1. **America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership (Silos and Smokestacks)** was authorized in 1996. Silos and Smokestacks is a thirty-seven county area in Iowa, which facilitates opportunities for residents and visitors to learn about America's agricultural legacy. FY 2006 projects would include:
 - Install information kiosks at new welcome centers.
 - Implement byway and place identification signs for travelers to visit Partner sites.
 - Development of tourism reception center in partnership with Deere and Company.
 - Distribute partner tourism brochure throughout heritage area.
 - Continue to expand network of communities, partner sites and local organizations.
2. **Augusta Canal National Heritage Area** was created to establish and implement an overall plan for the preservation, development and management of the Augusta Canal as a public resource. Constructed in 1845, this nine-mile corridor follows the full length of the best-preserved industrial canal of its kind remaining in the South. The canal is still being used for three of the original purposes for which it was built: water power, transportation and water supply. The canal transformed Augusta from an agrarian to an important regional industrial area on the eve of the Civil War and was instrumental in the post-Civil War relocation of much of the nation's textile industry to the South. FY 2006 projects would include:
 - Interpretive center exhibits.
 - Multiuse trail and benches along 3rd level of canal.
 - Recreational improvements at head-gates.



A volunteer demonstrates machinery in the Augusta Canal Interpretive Center.

3. **Blue Ridge National Heritage Area** was authorized in 2003 to celebrate the region's natural landscape, abundance of nationally significant places, cultural contributions of the Cherokee Nation, and mountain culture that shaped the area's distinctive music and crafts. The management entity is incorporating a "grass-roots" planning component into the management planning process. A regional grant program, marketing program, and region-wide branding process are simultaneously building community awareness and support. In FY 2006 the Area will implement the management plan, following the Secretary of the Interior's approval.
4. **Cache La Poudre River Corridor** was established to commemorate the story of water law and water development in the West. The primary emphasis of current programs is on interpretation and education. The legislation also calls for private landowners to adopt voluntary measures for the preservation and restoration of significant resources along the Corridor. FY 2006 projects would include:
 - An ethnographic study of heritage area.
 - Study of water storage and water exchange projects between 1870 and 2000.
 - Development of curriculum materials for school districts and learning centers.
 - Development of heritage/agricultural tourism program and strategies to educate landowners about the potential benefits of such a program.
 - Cooperate with Colorado State University and University of Northern Colorado to scan and process agriculture and irrigation-related archival materials that highlight the importance of heritage among the local communities.
5. **Cane River National Heritage Area** was established to assist in the preservation and enhancement of the cultural landscape and traditions of the Cane River region; to complement Cane River Creole National Historical Park; and to improve the overall quality of life of the current residents by increasing economic benefits through promotion of the heritage area to local, regional, and national audiences. The 116,000 acre heritage area in northwestern Louisiana is a largely rural, agricultural landscape known for its historic plantations, its distinctive Creole architecture, and its multi-cultural legacy. Historically this region lay at the intersection of French and Spanish realms in the New World. It is home to a unique blend of cultures, including French, Spanish, African, American Indian, and Creole. Many people of these cultures are descended from early Cane River families who have interacted with each other for nearly 300 years. FY 2006 projects would include:
 - Complete implementation of regional directional and way-finding signage. Implementation is in conjunction with Cane River Creole National Historical Park, the Louisiana Office of State Parks, the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and many other local partners.
 - Collaborative implementation of the interpretive plan at Melrose Plantation, a National Historical Landmark owned by the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches.
 - Continue competitive grants program to award matching funding for historic preservation, research and development projects.
 - Continue documentation and preservation of historic and archaeological resources in the Cane River region. HABS and the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism will continue to partner in these endeavors.
 - Continue focusing on projects involving diverse cultures of the area, including development of the Texas and Pacific Railway Depot as an African American heritage museum.
 - Continue assisting in documentation of local cultures.
6. **Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor** is a 165-mile corridor in eastern Pennsylvania. Canals and railroads transported lumber, anthracite coal, slate, iron and steel from mountain to market, fueling America's industrial revolution. FY 2006 projects would include:
 - Construct and maintain trails through the Delaware and Lehigh Trail Tenders, a volunteer group.
 - Develop a driving tour.



Implementation of the new interpretation plan for NHL-listed Melrose Plantation has begun with the assistance of Cane River NHA.

- Implement *Visually Speaking* project, which provides guidelines and an identification system for a family of signs and brochures that help residents and visitors identify and link the various entities within the corridor.
 - Provide grants for community-driven heritage preservation projects.
7. **Erie Canalway National Corridor** covers 524 miles in Upstate New York, including four navigable waterways: Erie, Champlain, Oswego and Cayuga-Seneca; sections of the first Erie Canal; and over 200 municipalities adjacent to the canals. The New York State Canal System is the most commercially enduring and historically significant canalway in the United States. This waterway played a key role in turning New York City into a preeminent center for commerce, industry, and finance. Besides being a catalyst for growth in the Mohawk and Hudson valleys, these canals helped open up western America for settlement and for many years transported much of the Midwest's agricultural and industrial products to domestic and international markets. FY 2006 projects would include:
- Initiate Erie Canalway identity and signage program throughout the corridor to establish the corridor image.
 - Launch joint marketing effort with regional tourism and chambers of commerce to build on bring existing marketing efforts to national and international audiences.
 - Establish major volunteer program to coordinate and professionalize volunteers throughout existing visitor centers in the heritage corridor to provide a low cost network and alternative to new visitor centers.
8. **Essex National Heritage Area** preserves and interprets three themes of national significance to American History: Early Settlement and the first contact between native peoples and colonists (17th-century); Great Age of Sail and America's rise as an international trading power (18th and 19th-centuries); Industrial Revolution with an emphasis on textile and shoe manufacturing and the birth of the labor movement (19th and 20th-centuries). FY 2006 projects would include:
- Expand educational programs, especially History in the Making, an innovative after-school program for at-risk youth that engages them in history and the arts.
 - Develop new programs and partnerships for the Explorers program, which is designed to engage residents to become better stewards of the region's heritage resources.
 - Continue to provide and leverage funding to support projects that preserve the area's heritage resources and educate residents and visitors about the national and regional importance of these resources.
 - Develop stronger and more sustainable partnerships with organizations and sites throughout the region.
 - Improve the preservation of thousands of historical records that are at risk in hundreds of repositories in the region and expand access for scholars and amateur researchers.
 - Update the money generation model baseline economic survey.
9. **Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area**, which stretches from Troy to New York City, contains a rich assemblage of natural features and nationally significant cultural and historical sites. The period from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War is well represented and complemented by individual sites such as FDR's Springwood, Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill, Lyndhurst, and Vanderbilt Mansion, among others. The valley retains the scenic, rural character that inspired the Hudson Valley School of landscape painting and the Knickerbocker writers. Recreational opportunities abound in local parks, protected open space, and greenways. FY 2006 projects would include:
- Development and printing of a Washington-Rochambeau Route map and brochure.
 - Washington-Rochambeau Event commemorating the Movement of French and Continental Armies through Rockland and Orange Counties.
 - Hold annual Hudson River Valley Ramble and annual Great Hudson River Valley Paddle.
 - Continue "Teaching the Hudson Valley" program.
10. **Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor** was created in 1984 as the first national heritage area. The canal was built in the 1830s and '40s along the portage between Lake Michigan



Participants in History in the Making, an after-school program that engages at-risk youths in place-making through the arts and history.

and the Illinois River, which had long been used as an American Indian trade route. The canal rapidly transformed Chicago from an isolated crossroads into a critical transportation hub between the East and the developing Midwest. A 61-mile recreational trail follows the canal towpath. The Federal Commission's authority and funding ended in 2004. While the Corridor no longer receives funding under this activity, its designation exists in perpetuity.

11. **John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor** was authorized in 1986 to tell the story of the American Industrial Revolution, which began along the 46 miles of river and canals running from Worcester, Massachusetts, to Providence, Rhode Island. The mills (including Slater Mill), mill villages, and associated transportation networks in the Blackstone Valley together tell the story of industrialization. FY 2006 projects would include:

- Continue the "Fishable/Swimmable by 2015" campaign to address water quality issues.
- Implement the design plan for the Northern Gateway Visitor Center.
- Support the "Blackstone Valley Institute" and "Leadership Blackstone Valley" with community engagement for addressing land use and development issues and opportunities.
- Provide interpretive programming throughout the Corridor, including tours, television programming, written materials, and exhibitry.



Educating students on water quality issues in the Blackstone River Valley.

12. **Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area** has worked to strengthen and enhance the development and preservation of the historic, cultural, natural, and economic resources of the communities along the Lackawanna River in northeastern Pennsylvania. Through fostering and supporting partnerships and collaborations among government, education, business, civic organizations and individuals, this heritage area has assisted to interpret, preserve and educate the public about the unique role of the area and its people in the industrial development of the United States. The architecture, ethnic traditions and infrastructure of the Anthracite region tell the story of the Lackawanna Valley. FY 2006 projects would include:

- Development of an interpretive center at the renovated Scranton Laceworks site with the focus on the garment industry.
- Establish an Industrial Heritage Institute to focus on promoting synergy between heritage stakeholders and to continue to grow the concept of heritage development in northeastern Pennsylvania.
- Construct the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Riverfront Greenway in downtown Scranton, PA.
- Development of a heritage welcome center in downtown Scranton, PA to serve as a link between visitors and regional heritage attractions.

13. **Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area**, designated in 2004, is a six-county area within the Mississippi Coastal Plain that borders the Gulf of Mexico. This cultural landscape has been shaped by the coastal and riverine environment and a number of ethnic influences, including those of early Native Americans and Spanish, French, and English settlers. The area contains a rich assortment of cultural and historical resources related to these cultures, in addition to spectacular natural, scenic, and recreational resources. The area will be coordinated by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, in consultation with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. In FY 2006, the Area will work on the development of a management plan.

14. **MotorCities-Automobile National Heritage Area** was authorized in 1998 to preserve, interpret and promote Michigan's rich automotive and labor heritage. Activities include providing educational opportunities, increasing tourism by creating linkages among automobile-related sites, encouraging revitalization, and improving the quality of life of residents in the region. FY 2006 projects would include:

- Development of the MotorCities Interpretive Story and Interpretive Plan.
- Research of African American Auto Heritage Sites for the development of a driving tour.
- Development of a network of wayside exhibits to interpret local auto heritage themes and stories.

15. **National Aviation Heritage Area** in southwestern Ohio, designated in 2004, builds upon existing partnerships among the Federal, State, and local governments and the private sector that focus their efforts on preserving and interpreting historic aviation resources. Numerous heritage development, interpretation and preservation projects and programs already occurring in the eight-county region will be greatly enhanced by the new designation. Many of these partnerships have resulted from the passage of the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act in 1992. Resources within the heritage area's boundaries include Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton and Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park. The area will be managed by Aviation Heritage Foundation, Incorporated, a non-profit organization. In FY 2006, the Area would continue development of a management plan.
16. **National Coal Heritage Area** is located in southern West Virginia. The rugged industrial landscape of the National Coal Heritage Area showcases the stories of hard-working miners of many races and ethnicities who labored to extract and transport coal, and their wives, who struggled to maintain homes under primitive conditions with the ever-present coal dust presenting a constant housekeeping challenge. Coalfield history and culture contains key elements of a unique social and economic history including the stories of industrial might, the struggle for labor unions, and the growth of distinctive cultural communities among different ethnic groups who worked side-by-side and lived together in the "company towns" of the region. The stories of the coalfields are uniquely American stories that continue to be expressed in the customs, communities, and narratives of this region and its people. FY 2006 projects would include:
- Open scenic byway interpretive center.
 - Implement gateway signage plan and way-finding system.
 - Implement interpretive plan for Coal Heritage Trail.
17. **Ohio and Erie National Heritage CanalWay**, in northeast Ohio, celebrates the canal that enabled shipping between Lake Erie and the Ohio River, opened up the frontier settlement of Ohio, and vaulted Ohio into commercial prominence in the early 1830s. The canal and towpath trail pass through agricultural lands and rural villages into industrial communities such as Akron, Canton, and Cleveland that trace their prosperity to the coming of the canal. FY 2006 projects would include:
- Development of the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail.
 - Development of regional trail and green space plans.
 - Preservation of historic structures.
 - Implementation of the Ohio and Erie CanalWay Communications Plan.
18. **Oil Region National Heritage Area**, designated in 2004, centers around the story of Colonel Edwin Drake's drilling of the world's first successful oil well in 1859, which changed the course of industry, society, and politics in the modern world. The Oil Region contains a number of remnants of the oil industry, as well as historic valley settlements, riverbed settlements, plateau developments, farmlands, and industrial landscapes. The area has additionally been shaped by Native Americans, frontier settlements, the French and Indian War, African Americans and the Underground Railroad, and the Swedish and Polish immigrants. The NHA designation will enhance the current efforts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, volunteer organizations, and private businesses, to interpret and promote the cultural, national, and recreational resources of this region to residents and visitors. In FY 2006, the Area would continue development of a management plan.
19. **Quinnebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor** in northeast Connecticut and south-central Massachusetts is one of the last unspoiled and undeveloped areas in the northeastern U.S. It has remained largely intact and has important prehistoric archeological sites, diversified agriculture, excellent water quality, beautiful rural landscapes, architecturally significant mill structures and mill villages, and a large acreage of parks and other permanent space. The corridor encompasses 1,086 square miles and includes 35 towns. FY 2006 projects would include:



The Quinnebaug and Shetucket is known as "The Last Green Valley"—where conservation and interpretation are critical to retaining the quality of the landscape.

- Continue grant program to build capacity and conserve resources.
 - Support Green Valley Institute.
 - Provide technical assistance in community revitalization, historic preservation and open space conservation.
 - Develop three additional regional interpretive programs with non-profits and local businesses.
20. **Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area** works within the seven counties of southwestern Pennsylvania to deliver a multifaceted approach to regional preservation, stewardship of natural resources, cultural conservation, economic revitalization, education and heritage tourism. The Area's mission is to conserve, preserve, manage, and interpret the legacy of big steel and its related industries. To fulfill its mission, Rivers of Steel has forged partnerships with all levels of government, business, and community-oriented organizations and is achieving its goals to merge community resources and to support the grass roots efforts of citizens who celebrate and conserve the special character and culture of southwestern Pennsylvania. Over 120 heritage development projects are underway or have been completed in the Rivers of Steel's seven-county region, representing a \$28.8 investment throughout the region that has leveraged an additional \$21.5 million for heritage projects. FY 2006 projects would include:
- Market and distribute Handheld Heritage, a multi media walking tour available on DVD that will provide a dynamic experience for visitors as they explore Homestead's heritage sites.
 - Continue restoration of the Pump House and Water Tower, site of the 1892 Battle of Homestead.
 - Complete installation of Steel Valley Trail, nine interpretive signs along the one-mile section of the Steel Valley Trail that runs through the Waterfront.
21. **Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area** was authorized in 2000 to conserve, interpret and develop the historical, cultural, natural and recreational resources related to the industrial and cultural heritage of the Schuylkill River Valley of Southeastern Pennsylvania. By 1777, when George Washington wintered his troops at Valley Forge, early entrepreneurs had already founded many of the historic towns along the Schuylkill River where the charcoal, iron and textile industries of the region would grow. In 1822, the first load of anthracite coal was taken from the Schuylkill headwaters to Philadelphia along the Schuylkill Navigation System (Canal), starting the engine that fueled America's early colonization and industrialization. Pre-Revolutionary mills and late 19th century factories, rural villages and the City of Philadelphia, all are part of the fabric of the Schuylkill River Valley. FY 2006 projects would include:
- Establish Riverfront Academic and Visitors Center in Pottstown in partnership with Montgomery County Community College.
 - Establish gateway information centers.
 - Continue Heritage Partners Program.
 - Produce and distribute brochure.
 - Implement the Master Sign Plan (a multi-year project).
22. **Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District** tells the military and civilian stories of the war as it preserves the rolling battlefields and helps partner sites and communities boost their tourism economies. From 1861 to 1864 the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia was caught in the crossfire between the North and the South. Because of its strategic location as the backdoor to the two capitals, as well as a transportation corridor, this fertile agricultural region became a significant theater of war. Today, 15 battlefields, over 320 sites, towns, villages, and farms in the eight-county National Historic District attest to the struggle, courage, and perseverance of the soldiers and civilians who endured the Civil War. FY 2006 projects would include:
- Support educational programs.
 - Provide interpretive signage and driving tour guides.
 - Provide technical assistance to partner sites.
 - Provide project grants to partners for interpretation, preservation planning, and marketing.
 - Begin implementation of a formal marketing plan for sites and the National Historic District.



McDowell Battlefield, a protected landscape that facilitates interpretation of the strategic role of the Shenandoah Valley in the Civil War.

23. **South Carolina National Heritage Corridor**, bounded on one end by the port city of Charleston and on the other by the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, provides a cross-section of the landscape, history and culture of South Carolina. The 240 miles and 14 counties that comprise the Heritage Corridor are divided in four distinct regions that work together to tell the story of the Old South: a story of plantations and cotton fields, of kindred spirits and a county in conflict, of hardships and prosperity, of family and friends. They also tell the story of the New South: a story of railroads and its towns, industry and its villages, of technology and its accomplishments. FY 2006 projects would include:
- Planning for the Region Four Discovery Center.
 - Continue installation of interpretive signage at Discovery Sites.
 - Continue development of other niches throughout the Corridor to include: Military Conflict, Fine and Traditional Arts, and Railroads.
 - Promote Camp Calhoun, a summer camp and after-school program, throughout the Corridor.
 - Continue implementation of marketing campaign.
24. **Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission** recognizes the cultural heritage of the nine-county region in southwestern Pennsylvania associated with the three basic industries of iron and steel, coal, and transportation. The Commission has become self-supporting and no longer receives funding under this activity.
25. **Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area** tells the stories of the American Civil War and Reconstruction. Geographic location, along with strategic river and rail routes, productive farmlands, and industrial sites made Tennessee a crucial prize fought for by both armies. Every county in Tennessee was affected by the destruction of the land, loss of life, bitter divisions within families and communities, and political and social turmoil of the war years and the following decades. The Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area focuses on the late antebellum period (from ca. 1850), military activity, the home front experience, Reconstruction, and the enduring legacy of this history. FY 2006 projects would include:
- Establish new *Building Capacity for Tennessee* Heritage Projects in Rosersville and Jamestown.
 - Develop new resource conservation and education programs in Franklin, Knoxville, Murfreesboro, Chattanooga, Nashville, and Clarksville.
 - Present *Civil War Homefront in Tennessee Symposium* at Stones River NB.
 - Continue heritage development planning in Hardeman County.
 - Continue preservation and education planning for the Franklin Battlefield.
26. **Wheeling National Heritage Area**. Throughout the 19th century, Wheeling served as the "Crossroads of America", playing an important role in the settlement of the Nation. Transportation, a major theme, is represented by the National Historic Landmark Wheeling Suspension Bridge, the first bridge to cross the Ohio River. West Virginia Independence Hall, the former U.S. Customs House for this 19th century inland port, was the birthplace of the State of West Virginia during the Civil War. Wheeling was also site of many industries crucial to the Nation's expansion including iron and steel, nails, textiles, boat building, glass manufacturing, and stogie and tobacco manufacturing. LaBelle Cut Nails, one of two manufacturers in the nation, continues to produce cut nails with equipment and a process that is over 150-years old. FY 2006 projects would include:
- Continue implementing the management plan and addressing sustainability.
 - Through grants, continue to collaborate with partners in conserving and interpreting Wheeling's heritage.
 - Implement the heritage tourism strategy.
27. **Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area** commemorates the natural ford on the Colorado River, which has been a gathering spot for people for over 500 years and is an important landmark of the Nation's westward expansion. Yuma celebrates its historic role in water management to produce abundant agriculture in the desert, and now is an innovator in community-driven wetlands restoration along the Colorado River. FY 2006 projects would include:
- Continue East Wetlands programming, education and design.
 - Interpretive improvements to Arizona State Parks in Yuma.



Yuma Crossing plays an integral role in the vast water management system of the southwest. The East Wetlands are being restored in partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation and private partners, in consultation with community leaders.

- Design heritage area visitor center.
- Provide historic preservation assistance in Century Heights and Brinley Historic Districts.

FY 2004 Program Performance Accomplishments

America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership

- Through a grant from the John Deere Foundation, installed five gateway signs along key interstate highway routes.
- Added fifteen new partner sites, bringing the total to seventy five sites.
- Published fifty thousand copies of the third edition of its tourism brochure.
- In its fourth round of the Partnership Grant Program, granted money that now totals over \$1 million to partner sites.
- CampSilos online educational program continued to grow with over thirty thousand hits per month.
- Completed update of five-year Management Plan.
- Contracted with University of Northern Iowa to complete an Organizational Staff Management Evaluation to determine staffing needs and job descriptions as the heritage area grows.
- Completed blueprints for new partnership with John Deere and Company for the development of a Heritage Area Tourism Reception Center.



Interstate highway signage made possible by FHWA funding solidifies Corridor identity and directs visitors to Partner Sites

Augusta Canal National Heritage Area

- Began dredging and reconstruction of third level of canal.
- Completed construction of second Petersburg Tour boat and placed in operation.
- Continued renovation of 1875 gatehouse and locks.
- Completed construction plans for recreational improvements to canal head gates.

Blue Ridge National Heritage Area

- Secured funding for signage from DOT for 80 cultural and natural heritage sites including companion map guide.
- Secured two State-funded positions for heritage officers in the region for a total of 5 State heritage tourism officers.
- Conducted massive grass-roots management planning component in conjunction with North Carolina Division of Tourism and Western Carolina University.
- Created a collaborative effort between two major universities to develop research component for the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area.
- Conducted major branding initiative.
- Created a partnership with major grocery story chain to develop a "heritage pass" for the region to increase tourism.



Museum of the Cherokee Indian, one of the many partners consulted during management planning in the Blue Ridge NHA.

Cache La Poudre River Corridor

- Completed first phase of oral interviews and started second phase.
- Prepared brochures to accompany traveling exhibits; arranged for exhibits to be displayed along the Heritage Area.
- Arranged for the scanning of historic documents (through the library at the University of Northern Colorado).
- Developed information for 19 wayside exhibits.

Cane River National Heritage Area

- Awarded 10 grants in historic preservation, research and development. The grants leveraged matching funds at a ratio of 1:3. Grants include a documentary on Creole history and culture, rehabilitation of a historic African American school, and development of an archaeological exhibit on American Indians in the Cane River region.

- Co-sponsored training for Cane River GIS (Geographic Information System) with NPS Cultural Resource GIS Facility and the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training. Thirty people from local, State and federal programs and the private sector attended ArcView training. Cane River GIS will be used for planning, resource management, research and education.
- Partnered with a local organization and the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) to document historic Front Street in the Natchitoches National Historic Landmark District.
- Continued planning for the visitor center for Cane River Creole National Historical Park and Cane River National Heritage Area, as authorized in the 1994 enabling legislation.
- Initiated design for a comprehensive regional signage and identity program.

Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor

- Completed the design of 15 miles of the Delaware and Lehigh rail-to-trail in Lehigh and Carbon Counties; continued design of 20+ miles of Lehigh Canal Towpath trail in Carbon, Lehigh and Northampton Counties; continue design of 17 miles of Lehigh to Susquehanna rail to trail in Luzerne County.
- Completed restoration of Lock 11 in New Hope; received funding commitments to address obstructions in lower Bucks County – \$1m in TEA Enhancements for Route 13 pedestrian bridge in Levittown and \$2m in TEA CMAQ for tunnel under CSX rail lines in Falls Township.
- Completed “Stone Coal Way,” a guide to the trail and communities of Delaware and Lehigh NHC.
- In partnership with the Earth Conservancy, completed assessment of Blue Coal records.
- Worked with Hugh Moore Historical Park and Museums to complete fund raising and ground breaking for the construction of a \$2.5m interpretative Center for Industrial Technology.
- Collaborated with many local agencies to heighten community and national awareness of the significance of the former Bethlehem Steel plant site and adaptive reuse potential.
- Completed concept and economic analysis for the Susquehanna River Landing and Riverfront renewal project in Wilkes-Barre.
- Market Towns Initiative - restoration of Old Mauch Chunk Train Station in Jim Thorpe is nearing completion; the Lehigh Community and Business Tech Center received \$650,000 in funding commitments; a National Historic District was approved for Slatington.



Canal lock and towpath in the Delaware and Lehigh NHC.

Erie Canalway National Corridor

- Completed Phase II of the legislatively required public planning process.
- Designed and produced a National Park Service brochure for the heritage corridor.
- Established an Internet website for the heritage corridor to assist with the planning process and visitor needs.
- Continued public outreach and partnership efforts with 234 communities to strengthen the identity of the heritage corridor for tourism, marketing, and preservation.

Essex National Heritage Area

- Successfully launched Explorers program to bring attention to Area's lesser-known resources and attracted 250 participants to experience these resources.
- Completed development and launched on-line “Educators Resource Guide” with NPS creating a central, web-based location for Area sites to post their education programs
- Expanded the ENHC Partnership Grant Program to include two new categories: Archives and Historical Records and Trails and Greenways. The grant program surpassed the goal of \$5.5 million given for education, preservation and interpretation projects in the Area with a leverage ratio of \$4 non-federal to \$1 federal invested.
- Expanded the Area's major regional heritage celebration – Trails and Sails – by 33% with more attendees, more events and more organizations; event is establishing itself as a key component for heritage development by attracting new partners and expanding the heritage audience each year.
- Completed the baseline visitor information survey using the new NPS economic measurement tool MGM2 and assisted in adapting this model to a region-wide, multi-entry point survey model.

Determined that there are annually on average 1.4 million heritage visits in the Essex National Heritage Area with \$130 million in visitor spending.

- Founded the multi-community, nonprofit Coastal Trails Coalition to pursue vision for the 30-mile trail network. Recruited numerous public and private partners, including NPS Rivers and Trail Program, and raised approximately \$50,000 to implement awareness, design and construction projects.
- Continued to conduct regional education and preservation workshops including: a highly regarded workshop series for teachers on "New England and the Atlantic World" that included the extensive use of primary sources; two workshops for improving public access to the nationally significant archival collections in the region; and four co-sponsored workshops on preserving historical records that attracted more than 150 attendees.
- Supported "smart growth" and enhanced local resource preservation by forming a strategic partnership with the State's conservation agency for the purpose of inventorying nearly 1,000 heritage landscapes and preparing the first regional heritage landscape plan for Essex County.
- Promoted the region's artistic legacy through the production of a video program titled "The Heritage Landscape Painters of the ENHA," the third ENHC-produced video in the series "Trails and Sails thru Essex County" and distributed to 19 local access television stations.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

- Held fifth Annual Hudson River Ramble, in partnership with Highland Flings and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Over 26,000 residents and visitors participated throughout the two weekends. Majority of the walks and hikes take place at Heritage Sites.
- Held Great Hudson River Paddle 2004; over 70 paddlers participated throughout the 10-day kayaking event, and at least 5,000 residents and visitors attended festivals that took place from Albany to New York City.
- Developed map and brochure, "*The American Revolution in the Hudson River Valley*," highlighting battle sites and Revolutionary War era houses in the Hudson River Valley.
- Held 225th Anniversary of American Revolution War Events, including Patriots Weekend, Battle of Fort Montgomery, 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Minisink, 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Stony Point. More than 350 re-enactors participated throughout the weekend, and over 3,150 members of the public attended the anniversary event.
- Expanded the website to better serve visitors and involve partners in linking sites and services.
- Completed "Survey of Visitors to Historic Sites" report, which identifies the demographics and characteristics of visitors to Area's heritage sites.
- Hosted "Teaching the Hudson Valley 2004", a regional education project in partnership with NPS, Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College, and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, for teachers and Hudson Valley Schools to develop and provide placed based curriculums.

John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor

- Continued building a comprehensive river access network along the entire river and supporting the Blackstone Riverway with development of a 50 mile long bikeway and environmental restoration activities that support improvements to water quality, habitat restoration, and reintroduction of migratory fish. Example: Blackstone River Visioning focuses attention on 4 demonstration sites where public input and research offered enthusiastic and tangible planning possibilities for the future along the riverway.
- Continued development of visitor centers and museums, interpretive signage and exhibits. Example: In April, the opening of the "Following the Plough" exhibit at the River Bend Farm Visitor Center in the Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park.
- Continued development of programs and activities that support the perpetuation of cultural traditions, special events and festivals, and heritage tourism. Example: In



Beginners learn paddling basics at the weekly meeting of the Paddlers Club in the Blackstone River Valley.

June, Rivers Day highlights the ribbon-cutting at Central Falls Landing, the largest inland docking system in Rhode Island, providing easy public access to the Blackstone River.

- Provided technical assistance to communities related to preserving historic properties and landscapes; and providing assistance on growth and development, land-use and leadership development.
- In collaboration with the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation, Leadership Blackstone Valley graduated 23 in May and started the 2004-2005 class in October. Leadership Blackstone Valley is an intensive, hands-on program to cultivate emerging community leaders in the Blackstone River Valley towns.
- Continued development of curatorial programs, conservation of open space, community and economic development.
- Preserved Hassanamessit Woods, 200 acres of wooded property in Grafton, MA, through the collaboration of several partners. In addition to preserving the open space, a Commission-funded archeological survey indicates the location of a 17th century "Indian Praying Village".

Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area

- Awarded one of four Preserve America Presidential Awards that recognizes model Heritage Tourism efforts that demonstrate a commitment to the protection and interpretation of America's cultural or natural heritage assets. The award was presented at a White House ceremony hosted by the President and Mrs. Bush.
- Featured in the nomination for the *National Trust/ACHP Award for Federal Partnerships in Historic Preservation Award*, presented to the National Park Service and the Alliance of National Heritage Areas, for their partnership relationship with Steamtown NHP.
- In 2004, more than 300 individuals graduated from the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Ambassadors Program, which focuses on educating local leaders and individuals in the purposes and direction and goals of heritage development.
- Planning efforts and studies completed included: North Pocono Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail and Greenway Feasibility Study and Master Plan, Anthracite Historical Discovery Center Feasibility Study, Special Purpose Study for the Adaptive Reuse of the Scranton Lace Company, and Restoration Plan for the D&H Canal Lock 31 House.



Young Lackawanna Heritage Valley Ambassadors learn about the anthracite coal mining that fueled their region's economy and a vast network of railroads.

MotorCities National Heritage Area

- Retooled and redesigned website features: historic resources, partner attractions, tours, preservation updates, partner links, calendar of events and other important information.
- Pilot education program enrolled 207 schools, reaching 100,000 children and 6,000 teachers. Includes the development of 20 video vignettes, based on the MotorCities Memories oral history program, chronicling different chapters in the region's auto heritage story. Program also includes a dedicated web site, MotorCitiesKidz.org, containing videos, lesson plans and games for kids.
- Launched Ford Rouge Tour -- since opening in May, 140,000 people have bought tickets to tour this historic factory, where the top selling vehicle in America, the Ford F-150, is assembled.
- Grants program provided \$100,000 to 26 grantees, leveraging more than \$1 million in local investment.

National Coal Heritage Area

- Established structure for new management organization created by the WV Legislature.
- Established guidelines for new grant program.
- Awarded funding for scenic byway interpretive center.

Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor

- Established the Tuscarawas County Park Department.
- Completed multi-agency agreement with The City of Cleveland, Cleveland MetroParks, Cuyahoga County Commissioners and Cuyahoga County Engineer for the development of the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail.

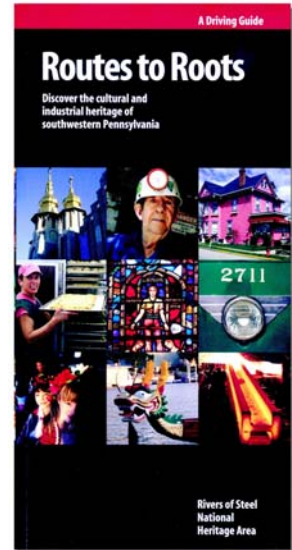
- Revised the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Canal Lands policy.
- Held dedication of the Iron Bridge over the Tuscarawas River in Zoar, Ohio.

Quinnebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor

- Marked the 10th anniversary of congressional designation with a series of special programs.
- Developed and hosted a conference on sustaining and diversifying agriculture, with help from USDA Rural Development.
- Continued the educational partnership of The Green Valley Institute to provide resources for land use decisionmakers.
- Awarded grants to 32 recipients, with \$270,000 leveraging \$1.1 million in matches to the program to build local capacity and conserve resources.
- Provided "Walking Weekends", a venue to enlighten residents and visitors about the significant resources of Last Green Valley.

Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area

- Provided education programs for historic structures at West Overton Museum, which is being restored through the support of the Pennsylvania Heritage Parks Program.
- Completed Riverfront Walk Master plan of Charleroi River Walk to strengthen Charleroi's regional identity with a unique riverfront development that will promote recreational and education opportunities while encouraging community investment. The master plan for the 1.1 mile riverfront walk includes a visitor center and museum, river landing, amphitheater and stage, fishing platform, boat launches and a community park.
- Researched, wrote and published *Routes to Roots, A Driving Guide of Southwestern Pennsylvania*, a 200-page guidebook listing over 120-heritage visitor destinations throughout the seven-county region and a distinct example of the heritage area's contributions to the economic revitalization of the region through tourism.
- Partnered with the NPS and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council Humanities-and-the-Art's to produce *Tradition Bearers: Voices from the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area*, featuring retired steelworkers, family members and traditional artists who shared heart warming stories about their life experiences and cultural traditions associated with southwestern Pennsylvania. The radio series reached a listening audience of more than 2 million.



Researched, written and published by Rivers of Steel staff, this guide lists over 120 local destinations that reflect local color, flavor, and history.

Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area

- Awarded contract to construct Lancaster Avenue Pedestrian Bridge on the Schuylkill River Trail.
- Established five new Gateway Information Centers including one at Valley Forge NHP.
- Completed the Schuylkill River Trail and Schuylkill River Water Trail Master Sign Plan
- Completed the Outdoor Recreation Business Study.
- Reprinted *The Schuylkill* by J. Bennett Nolan.
- Hosted the Sixth Annual Schuylkill River Sojourn.



The sixth annual Schuylkill River Sojourn involved over 100 paddlers in a 5-day journey down the historic and picturesque river.

Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District

- Preserved 174 acres of core battlefield at four battlefields and in negotiation with landowners for an additional 1,250 acres.
- Completed a landowner-driven preservation plan for two battlefields.
- Hosted first partnership-based symposium on the *Civil War in the Shenandoah Valley in 1864*, featuring the history of the Brethren and Mennonite pacifists' experiences.
- Made 19 grants to partner organizations totaling \$130,400 that leveraged in excess of \$300,000.
- Sponsored the "140th Anniversary" marketing program bringing together 22 partners to collaboratively market a series of events throughout the National Historic District commemorating

the 140 anniversary of 1864 events (this highly successful program was copied by two other regions in Virginia).

- Installed 18 entrance signs into the National Historic District that direct travelers to Civil War sites and visitors centers.
- With partners in the Winchester/Frederick County area, sponsored the "Civil War Weekend" program that attracted over 1,300 participants.

South Carolina National Heritage Corridor

- Opened Region Two Discovery Center in Edgefield, SC.
- Designed exhibits for the Region Three Discovery Center in Blackville, SC.
- Designed, fabricated and installed interpretive signage at 56 sites.
- Successfully developed several niches throughout the Corridor including, agriculture, gardens and watchable wildlife, and African American history.
- Implemented a Corridor-wide educational program

Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area

- Continued development of the Williams-Hildreth property in Franklin.
- Held slavery and Civil War symposium at Stones River NB.
- Created auto tours for Collierville and Union County.
- Provided new exhibits at Sam Davis Home Historic Site.
- Developed new teacher program at Chattanooga African-American History Museum.

Wheeling National Heritage Area

- Updated the Plan for the Wheeling National Heritage Area and began implementation including the research and design of the first 12 wayside interpretive signs along Heritage Trail.
- Continued to support partners through grants, exhibits and special events.
- Supported the Wheeling Artisan Center and its activities including the retail sale of West Virginia and regional art and crafts, gallery shows, the Children's Museum, the Wheeling Celtic Celebration and other special events.
- Supported Economic Development Partners and the City of Wheeling in providing technical assistance in historic preservation, Federal and State Investment Tax Credits for historic structures and in historic structure adaptive reuse analysis.

Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area

- Fostered \$80 million private commercial investment consistent with the historic context of the Yuma Crossing.
- Began Phase 1 clearing, revegetation, and dredging operations in the East Wetlands.
- Secured donation of threatened historic Southern Pacific Freight Depot from the Union Pacific Railroad.
- Secured consensus and grant funding for re-opening and restoration of historic Main Street.

FY 2005 Planned Program Performance**America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership**

- Install information kiosks at two welcome centers.
- Implement Byway and Place Identification Signs program for travelers to visit partner sites.
- Receive approval from the Secretary of updated five year Management Plan.
- Publish 75,000 copies of the fourth edition of the Partner Tourism Brochure and distribute throughout Area.
- Attract visitors by working with communities, partner sites and local organizations to build a seamless experience throughout the Area.

Augusta Canal National Heritage Area

- Complete dredging and reconstruction of third level of canal.
- Complete renovation to 1875 gatehouse and locks.
- Construct new access bridge across canal and related recreational improvements.
- Begin construction of Phase III of canal multiuse trail (New Bartram Trail).
- Interpretive Center exhibits.

Blue Ridge National Heritage Area

- Implement trail signage program and publish guide.

- Implement the Blue Ridge Heritage Pass.
- Publish educational materials for citizens in the region and insert in all local newspapers.
- Create television program with Turner South Network.
- Complete the Ten Year Management Plan.

Cache La Poudre River Corridor

- Fabricate and install of 19 wayside exhibits.
- Develop 15-minute video on the heritage area.
- Compile existing information on natural and recreational resources.
- Begin development of management plan.

Cane River National Heritage Area

- Complete design phase of regional signage and identity program and begin implementation.
- Install interactive electronic exhibits to provide information at gateways to the Area.
- Create a preservation plan for rehabilitation of the Texas and Pacific Railway Depot as an African American heritage museum.
- Complete oral history project entitled "Elder Utterances: An African American Oral History Remembrance."
- Partner on the development of a comprehensive interpretation plan for Melrose Historic Site, a National Historic Landmark owned by the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches.
- Complete Development Concept Plan and Environmental Assessment for the joint NPS and heritage area visitor center, as authorized in the 1994 enabling legislation.



The Cache LaPoudre Corridor is developing and implementing several projects to interpret the water delivery systems that facilitated development in the West.

Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor

- Complete design for 20 miles of Lehigh Canal Towpath trail and award bids for construction of approximately 15 miles of Delaware and Lehigh Trail in Carbon and Northampton Counties; complete Phase I construction of rail to trail for three miles in Lehigh County; complete design of Lehigh to Susquehanna Trail and start construction on six miles of trail improvements.
- Form coalition of local partners to work in partnership with the BethWorks Now developers of the Bethlehem Steel plant site to integrate preservation, interpretation and community use into the redevelopment plans.
- Complete restoration of the Old Mauch Train Station.
- Continue planning the Delaware and Lehigh Drive and working with communities along the route with design, preservation and enhancement issues.
- Design Market Towns streetscape improvements in 2-3 towns within the region with funding from the PA Hometown Streets program (Palmerton, Slatinton or Jim Thorpe) (construction likely in 2006); complete design for the Lehigh Community and Business Tech Center; complete design of the White Haven Library to be located in the former Lehigh Valley Railroad repair shop.
- Assist the Delaware Canal State Park in obtaining the estimated \$8 million necessary to repair the damage sustained from fall 2004 hurricane damage.
- Undertake an evaluative process to determine the impact and the accomplishments of the Corridor partnerships and also complete an analysis of operational costs for core resources (trails, canals and future drive) – together these studies will help to shape future partnerships and services.



The Erie Canalway has involved communities in management planning and provides technical and financial assistance to help implement preservation and interpretation planning goals.

Erie Canalway National Corridor

- Open a new heritage corridor visitor facility and headquarters on the Erie Canal in partnership with the State of New York.
- Complete final phase of the required public planning process to establish priorities and recommendations for

the future revitalization of the heritage corridor.

- Implement early action strategies of the management plan.
- Establish a grant incentive program to foster preservation and community revitalization actions.
- Provide technical assistance to communities to professionalize interpretive exhibits and historic preservation efforts.

Essex National Heritage Area

- Expand the Explorers program to bring attention and more support to Area's resources, museums and historic sites.
- Update and maintain on-line "Educators Resource Guide" including an evaluation of who and how it is used.
- Continue to develop the Partnership Grant Program in the areas of education, preservation and interpretation and seek to attract more matching funds to support the preservation of these resources.
- Enhance the number and quality of the participants and events in Trails and Sails and the ENHC Heritage Ride.
- Continue to improve the outreach for historic and cultural sites - their education programs, events and interpretive programs - by improving and developing electronic communication systems especially with the ENHC website.
- Continue to support the network of regional visitor centers through staff and volunteer training and grant funding, and create a training book that presents the histories of the region in an anecdotal and accessible, yet authentic and accurate, style.
- Conclude the first phase of the area-wide Heritage Landscape Inventory and develop an action plan for further phases of inventory including protection strategies for those heritage resources identified in the inventory as being "at risk".

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

- Plan, create and install gateway signs as part of the Signage Program.
- Survey existing resources and determine goals and directions of the Hudson River Artists Theme. The final result of this collaborative interpretation will be a series of brochures to guide prospective heritage travelers.
- Continue "Teaching the Hudson Valley" grants program.
- Coordinate the 6th Annual Ramble Weekend event, which will continue to include interpretive walks, hikes, paddles and equestrian events.
- In partnership with Hudson Valley Tourism and Friends of the Hudson Valley, familiarization trips will be organized to further market the region nationally and internationally and to further establish partners in the private sector.
- Continue trail interpretation and planning on both the Washington-Rochambeau Trail and the Henry Knox Cannon Trail. The final result of such interpretation and planning will be directional signage and printed brochures. The wayside exhibit signage program will also provide heritage visitors with regional and site-specific information related to this theme and Heritage Sites.
- Hold the Fifth Annual Great Hudson River Paddle (July 8-17). Dignitaries, paddlers and residents will experience the diversity and heritage of riverside communities and enjoy improved public access to the Hudson River.



The Hudson River Valley NHA hosts the Annual Ramble Weekend, a regional "open house" that invites visitors and residents to participate in special recreational and educational events.

John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor

- Restore segments of the Blackstone Canal and towpath and plan for public access.
- Support tourism marketing efforts that will connect the Blackstone with other "headline" interpretive regions in New England.
- Continue the development of the Blackstone Riverway that includes an integrated system of river access sites, bikeway, parks and trails.
- Position the Blackstone Valley Institute and Leadership Blackstone Valley as sustainable institutions whereby communities are actively engaged in development strategies that address

land use and development issues and opportunities, environmental restoration/protection, and preservation of heritage resources.

- Vigorously address water quality issues, restore aquatic life and migratory fish populations and provide educational opportunities through the “Fishable/Swimmable by 2015” campaign.
- Support urban waterfront development that enhances the Riverway and provides economic stimulation, tourism development and recreational opportunities.
- Provide interpretive programming throughout the Heritage Corridor via tours, television programming, written materials and exhibitry.
- Complete design and planning for the Northern Gateway Center.

Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area

- Facilitate initiative to interconnect all of the heritage sites and “stories” of the urban industrial experience in Northeastern Pennsylvania.
- In partnership with the Center for Anti-Slavery Studies, support the development of “The Place I Call Home: Northeastern Pennsylvania’s Underground Railroad History”, a project to research, chronicle, interpret, and promote northeastern Pennsylvania’s role in the Underground Railroad movement.
- Provide assistance and oversight to the “Geography: 21st Century Teaching and Learning” project. This project, in partnership with a local Education Intermediate Unit and the National Geographic Society, seeks to create a template in the State of Pennsylvania for integrating geographical topics such as heritage, culture, and cartography, into established K-12 curriculum.
- Complete final design and property acquisition for the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Riverfront Greenway, an environmental renewal and economic development project in Scranton, PA.

Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area

- Begin development of a management plan.

MotorCities-Automobile National Heritage Area

- Partner with Michigan Department of Transportation on a TEA 21 Grant to develop and install up to 300 wayside exhibits throughout the Area.
- Implement Phase II of the Education Program will feature greater collaboration among partners to present a common auto heritage education program.
- Launch an auto heritage historic preservation community awareness program to raise community awareness for the importance of preserving and adapting important auto heritage sites.
- Research African American auto heritage sites for the development of a dedicated tour.
- Design a visitor experience celebrating the contemporary and future auto industry in Michigan.

National Aviation Heritage Area

- Begin development of a management plan.

National Coal Heritage Area

- Complete scenic byway interpretive center.
- Develop and implement gateway signage plan and wayfinding system.
- Develop and implement interpretive plan for Coal Heritage Trail.

Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor

- Implement Canal Communications Plan, including interpretation, signage and marketing.
- Develop the Tuscarawas County Trail and green space plan.
- Develop the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail.
- Preserve historic resources like the Richard Howe House.

Oil Region National Heritage Area

- Begin development of a management plan.

Quinnebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor

- Launch a Local History Month in May as an annual event to promote local and regional history.
- Implement a constituent survey and analysis.



Bicycling a new section of the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail, where it parallels the railroad.

- Launch an innovative program of tours, kid's guides, interpretive materials and annual events to unite non-profits and businesses in regional interpretation of The Last Green Valley.
- Develop specialized bike tours of the region.
- Design a unified graphics program for the region.
- Provide technical assistance for local capacity building.
- Implement a heritage tourism partnership with Connecticut East.

Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area

- Continue producing "Handheld Heritage", a multi media walking tour that will provide a dynamic experience for visitors as they explore Homestead's heritage sites. The walking tour will be delivered on portable DVDs and consist of historic images, sound, narration, oral histories, interpretive text panels, and maps. An expanded version of the DVD will be available for sale in the ROS gift shop.
- Restore the Pump House and Water Tower, site of the 1892 Battle of Homestead, creating a more visitor friendly historic site with accessibility and safety improvements for visitors and interpretive exhibits that tell its story. The structures require both basic and advanced restoration to fulfill their legacy as the two most prominent monuments to the 1892 Battle of Homestead.
- Nine interpretive signs will be designed and installed along the one-mile of the Steel Valley Trail that runs through the Waterfront. Once the site of one of the world's largest steel mills, Homestead Works, the Waterfront has more than 3 million visitors a year.

Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area

- Construct the Lancaster Avenue pedestrian bridge on the Schuylkill River Trail.
- Develop riverfront academic and visitor center plan in Pottstown.
- Open three new gateway information centers including ones at Independence NHP and Hopewell Furnace NHS.
- Establish the Heritage Partners Program.
- Begin implementation of the Master Sign Plan.
- Construct several segments of the Schuylkill River Trail.

Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District

- Continue battlefield preservation efforts working with willing sellers and local governments – 1,250 acres under discussion.
- Complete District-wide interpretive plan.
- Implement a cooperative marketing program with regional convention and visitors bureaus and the State tourism agency.
- Sponsor an educational conference in partnership with Shenandoah University on the interpretive history of the Civil War.
- Continue "Implementation Project Grants" program.

South Carolina National Heritage Corridor

- Open the Region Three Discovery Center.
- Design and install interpretive signage at 50 sites.
- Develop other niches throughout the Corridor to include: military conflict, fine and traditional arts, and railroads.
- Introduce Camp Calhoun, a summer camp and after-school program, throughout the Corridor.
- Redesign and implement a marketing campaign.

Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area

- Host the International Heritage Development Conference in Nashville, June 3-8, 2005.
- Establish new building capacity for Tennessee heritage projects in Rosersville and Jamestown.
- Develop new resource conservation and education programs in Franklin, Knoxville, Murfreesboro, Chattanooga, Nashville, and Clarksville.

Wheeling National Heritage Area

- Focus on implementing the updated Plan for the Area,



Staff at Tennessee Civil War NHA have researched, documented and published an inventory of historic African-American churches in Tennessee.

particularly in the 14th Street Gateway to Heritage Port area and addressing sustainability.

- Complete the design and construction of streetscape improvements adjacent to Heritage Port.
- With partners, develop a coordinated heritage tourism strategy to capture a portion of the 10 million visitors that come to Wheeling.
- Continue with the research, design and installation of interpretive wayside signs along the Heritage Trail and in historic neighborhoods.

Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area

- Complete Gateway Park, a riverfront park in the National Historic Landmark.
- Complete 400 acres of restoration in East Wetlands.
- Conserve, provide security, and obtain grant funding for Southern Pacific Freight Depot.
- Develop environmental education and film on East Wetlands.

FY 2006 Budget Request: Commissions and Grants

Request Component	Amount
FY 2005 Budget Estimate	14,459
Programmatic Changes	
• Reduce Support to Commissions and Grants	-9,579
TOTAL, Program Changes	-9,579
Uncontrollable Changes	+24
FY 2006 Budget Request	4,904
Net Change	-9,555

¹Justification for program changes can be found at the end of this activity's presentation.

Activity: Heritage Partnership Programs
Program Component: Administrative Support

FY 2006 Base Program Overview

The National Park Service provides administrative support to National Heritage Areas, in the process leveraging its institutional expertise to enhance the management of these areas. This component provides administrative support and technical assistance to the twenty-seven congressionally designated national heritage areas and their partners, NPS Washington and regional offices, and the public. This includes giving guidance, information and support on budget and policy, and coordinating and disseminating information to the public, the Service and heritage area partners through publications, websites, and presentations. The administrative support office addresses NPS Strategic Goals by:

- Instilling management excellence by engaging local, State and national partners in multiple arenas about the present and future status of heritage areas through meetings, reports, presentations, workshops, and publications (ME5).
- Encouraging standards and accountability through legislation, research, measurement, and evaluation of the successes of heritage areas (ME5 and RP3).
- Encouraging consistency and quality in heritage areas to encourage a seamless nationwide network of parks, historic places, and open spaces (RP3).
- Encouraging best practices in the protection of cultural and national heritage resources through dissemination of information, best practices, and publications and external resource conservation assistance opportunities (RP3).

FY 2006 funding would be used to:

- Implement the recommendations of the NPS Advisory Board report on the *Future of the National Heritage Areas*.



The NPS Advisory Board Partnerships Committee and staff discuss national heritage areas issues during a meeting in Cane River NHA.

- Assist in the creation/ implementation of national heritage area legislation.
- Create guidelines for the establishment of new heritage areas.
- Continue to educate the public on heritage area partnerships through workshops, presentations and sessions at local, regional and national gatherings.
- Coordinate NPS involvement in national heritage areas with other Federal departments.
- Report on a system to measure national heritage areas achievements and progress toward program goals.
- Continue to improve partnership initiatives within and outside of NPS.
- Promote methods of collaborative community-centered conservation, co-management and funding and working in multi-jurisdictional settings in partnership with non-profit, NPS and other Federal agencies and programs.
- Coordinate a publication on heritage area best practices and processes.
- Continue to encourage and promote research on national heritage areas through conferences, special workshops and publications.

FY 2004 Program Performance Accomplishments

- Supported the work of the NPS Advisory Board Partnerships Committee as it meets, gathers information, and prepares findings and recommendations for the Advisory Board on the *Future of the National Heritage Areas*.
- Disseminated information to the Service and the public about national heritage areas.
- Maintained the website to better serve the public, researchers, the Service, and partners.
- Worked on the creation of national heritage area legislation.
- Educated the public, partners, local and State governments about heritage areas through workshops, presentations and sessions at local, regional and national conferences and meetings.
- Participated in the Partners in Tourism initiative.
- In partnership with the NPS Conservation Study Institute, advised and collected information for a case study evaluation of national heritage areas.
- Developed in coordination with the regional offices a *Handbook* on heritage area administration, including clarifying compliance with Federal management policies.
- In partnership with the Alliance of National Heritage Areas:
 - Completed annual report, compiled baseline statistics on the national heritage areas.
 - Coordinated meeting for representatives from Federal departments that serve communities with conservation on coordinating Federal involvement within national heritage areas.
 - Coordinated several sessions for the 2005 International Heritage Development Conference,
 - Presented at several Heritage Development Institute workshops on the role of NPS in national heritage areas.



The National Park Service and Alliance of National Heritage Areas won the 2004 National Trust/ ACHP Award for Federal Partnerships in Historic Preservation.

FY 2005 Planned Program Performance

- Support the work of the NPS Advisory Board Partnerships Committee as it prepares findings and recommendations for the Advisory Board meeting in May and drafts a report on the *Future of the National Heritage Areas*.
- Participate in planning for the 2005 White House Conference on Travel and Tourism.
- Compile Handbook for NPS staff on NHA management in partnership with Northeast and Midwest regional offices and distribute to all regions and NHAs to assist in improved oversight, accountability, and consistency.
- In partnership with the Alliance of National Heritage Areas:
 - Prepare module for NPS management and serve as faculty at Heritage Development Institute workshops.
 - Compile annual report, annual heritage area statistics, disseminate information,

- Coordinate sessions on heritage area research, practice, and education at 2005 International Heritage Development Conference.
- Publish a revised NPS unigrid brochure.
- Work with Federal partners and NHAs on sharing heritage tourism practices.
- In partnership with the NPS Conservation Study Institute, embark on second case study evaluation of a national heritage area, and coordinate two sessions on research and implementation at the George Wright Conference.
- Transition the heritage areas website as part of the NPS Cultural Resources website overhaul.
- Continue to disseminate information, educate the public and endorse suggested standards and criteria.

FY 2006 Budget Request: Administrative Support

Request Component	Amount
FY 2005 Budget Estimate	120
Programmatic Changes	No Change
TOTAL, Program Changes¹	No Change
Uncontrollable Changes	+2
FY 2006 Budget Request	122
Net Change	+2

¹Justification for program changes can be found at the end of this activity's presentation.

FY 2006 Budget Request: Heritage Partnership Programs

Request Component	Amount	FTE
FY 2005 Budget Estimate	14,579	14
Programmatic Changes		
• Reduce Support to Commissions and Grants	-9,579	
TOTAL, Program Changes	-9,579	0
Uncontrollable Changes	+26	
FY 2006 Budget Request	5,026	14
Net Change	-9,553	0

The FY 2006 budget request for Heritage Partnership Programs is \$5.026 million and 14 FTE, a net decrease of \$9.553 million from the 2005 enacted level.

Reduce Support to Commissions and Grants: -\$9,579 million

The Administration is requesting the reduction of funding support for national heritage areas in FY 2006 in order to support higher priorities to better accomplish the Service's primary mission. This reduction in funding reflects an emphasis on encouraging heritage areas to become self-sufficient. The requested funding of \$4.9 million would be distributed equitably among the heritage areas supported under the Commissions and Grants budget subactivity.

Activity Performance Summary

Accomplishments of the Heritage Partnership Program are included in the Performance Summaries presented in the National Recreation and Preservation (NR&P) and the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) sections of this document.